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- RNC Press Release: *Joint Statement by Bush-Cheney Campaign Chairman Marc Racicot and RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie on Today's FEC Ruling on 527 Groups*, May 13, 2004;
- Alexander Bolton, *GOP Leaders Reverse Field, Build A New 527 Network*, The Hill, May 19, 2004;
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DATELINE: WASHINGTON, May 13

BODY:

Following is a joint statement by Bush-Cheney Campaign Chairman Marc Racicot and RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie on today's FEC ruling on 527 groups:

"The FEC's decision today to do nothing to stop the massive spending of soft money "527" committees to influence the 2004 elections is unfortunate, but provides clarity.

"It has always been clear to us that the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act ("BCRA") and its subsequent affirmation by the Supreme Court would limit the role of political parties in the political process and allow special interest "527" groups to proliferate. We had always assumed however, that the provisions of the Federal Election

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Campaign Act that have existed since the 1970's and were not changed by BCRA would require the 527s to follow the basic tenants underlying federal campaign finance law.

"We erroneously thought "527" groups would be regulated by their status and their activities. We expected that when one of these "527" groups raised and spent more than \$1,000 for the specific purpose of defeating or electing federal candidates such as President Bush or John Kerry, that particular "527" group would fall under the Federal Election Commission's umbrella as a federal political committee. In other words, the "527" would have to spend and raise federally regulated money, "hard dollars." No corporate money could be raised nor spent and individual contributions would be limited to \$5,000 per year.

"Today's decision to delay addressing fundamental questions regarding the regulation of "527's" is irresponsible. It also sets the stage for a total meltdown of federal campaign finance regulation in 2004 - the first election after BCRA supposedly banned soft money from influencing federal candidates and elections.

"The Commission by its own action, or more precisely inaction, today has given the "green light" to all non-federal "527's" to forge full steam ahead in their efforts to affect the outcome of this year's Federal elections and, in particular, the presidential race.

"Conservative groups now have the go-ahead they were waiting for as the commission has now made clear that these "527" groups will not be affected by the federal campaign finance rules, at least in 2004.

"As FEC Commissioner Michael Toner said, "Delaying a decision is making a decision- namely, that we are not going to issue any regulations for the 2004 elections. We are going to see a new 'soft money' arms race for the 2004 election." (Delay Urged for FEC Action on Pro-Democratic Groups, Washington Post, 5/12/04)

"Look at the blatant anti-President Bush and pro-Kerry activity by MoveOn.org, The Media Fund, ACT and others. Add in their uninhibited coordination with agents of the Kerry campaign and the Democratic Party at the national and state levels. Remember that all of this information was known to the FEC during its "527" rulemaking deliberations.

"By today's action, the FEC has sanctioned the activities of these groups. Its decision sends a very clear signal to the political community -- let the "527" battle begin.

"The 2004 elections will now be a free-for-all. Thanks to the deliberate inaction by the Federal Election Commission, the battle of the 527's is likely to escalate to a full scale, two- sided war.

"Groups like the Leadership Forum, Progress for America, The Republican Governor's Association, GOPAC and others now know that they can legally engage in the same way Democrat leaning groups like ACT, the Media Fund, MoveOn and Moving America Forward have been engaging.

"Now that the Commission has spoken, or not spoken, it is all but certain that those groups that would like to see the President re-elected and the U.S. House and Senate remain in Republican control will begin raising and spending money in the

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same manner as those groups that would like to see the President defeated and the U.S. House and Senate in Democratic control have already been doing. Thanks to the Federal Election Commission, the "527" battle will now rage unabated through Election Day."

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- **Alexander Bolton, *GOP Leaders Reverse Field, Build A New 527 Network*, The Hill, May 19, 2004;**

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HEADLINE: GOP leaders reverse field, build a new 527 network

BYLINE: By Alexander Bolton

BODY:

Republican Party leaders are attempting the difficult maneuver of reversing themselves 180 degrees on the use of 527 soft-money groups in an effort to convince skeptical GOP lobbyists, lawyers, donors and other party allies to build a network to rival the fundraising structure known as the "Shadow Democratic Party."

Ironically, one of the biggest obstacles party leaders face is their own effort for much of this election cycle to declare illegal the fundraising activity of 527s, tax-exempt groups named after the section of the tax code under which they are organized.

That effort culminated in a Federal Election Commission (FEC) complaint filed jointly last month by the Bush-Cheney campaign and the Republican National Committee (RNC) alleging that Democratic-allied 527s raising money to help Sen. John Kerry's (D-Mass.) presidential campaign were engaged in a massive, illegal conspiracy.

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However, Republican leaders began switching to Plan B -- an effort to encourage conservatives to replicate the liberal soft-money network -- even before the FEC voted late last week not to implement any regulations on 527s for this election year.

Ken Mehlman, the manager of the Bush-Cheney campaign, told a group of approximately 20 lobbyists at a private breakfast meeting May 11 that if the FEC failed to regulate 527s, Republican soft-money groups would immediately emerge and launch an ambitious soft-money fundraising drive to catch up with Democrats.

"On Friday, don't pick up your phone because they're going to be asking for money," a lobbyist who attended later joked, referring to the day after the FEC was scheduled to rule on 527s.

GOP leaders accelerated their reversal immediately after the FEC voted 4-2 to reject a bipartisan plan restricting 527s by issuing what some Republicans viewed as a thinly veiled fundraising pitch for a slew of conservative soft-money groups.

In a joint statement, Bush-Cheney campaign chairman Marc Racicot and RNC chairman Ed Gillespie declared that the FEC had given "the green light" to all non-federal 527s to forge full steam ahead in their efforts to affect the outcome of this year's Federal elections and, in particular, the presidential race."

"Groups like the Leadership Forum, Progress for America, the Republican Governors Association, GOPAC and others now know that they can legally engage in the same way [as] Democrat leaning groups," they wrote in a statement that astonished some GOP political strategists by its explicit reference to GOP groups, interpreted as a signal to Republican donors to begin giving to these groups.

The next day, House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and Rep. Tom Reynolds (R-N.Y.), chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, issued a joint statement asserting that the FEC has given 527 groups "free rein this election cycle. The activities of these groups will continue apparently without legal repercussion."

Giving extra legal cover to Republican donors who would write large checks to soft-money organizations, Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), one of the four main authors of the new campaign finance law, joined Hastert and Reynolds on the statement.

Since the beginning of last week, a number of prominent conservative activists and political strategists have vowed to raise millions of dollars in soft money.

Susan Hirschmann, former chief of staff to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas), said she would begin raising soft money in earnest after the FEC decision through her 527, the Leadership Forum. Reports filed with the IRS show the group has only raised about \$ 325,000 this cycle.

Grover Norquist, the president of Americans for Tax Reform, told The Hill that he will create a separate fund affiliated with his group to raise millions in soft money. Norquist said that his goal was to raise \$ 6 million before Election Day and that he may create a 527 as well.

And Republican activists Craig Shirley, Frank Donatelli and George Terwilliger have trumpeted their plans of raising tens of millions of dollars in soft money, even though

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their 527 group, Americans for a Better Country, has yet to raise any funds and has been widely perceived as set up solely to prompt the FEC to regulate Americans Coming Together, a Democratic group that resembles its structure.

However, a number of Republicans voiced skepticism about the ability of these groups to raise substantial amounts of soft money.

"I think it's more distracting for them to say they can do stuff," said David Keating, the executive director of the Club for Growth, the only conservative group not directly affiliated with the Republican Party to raise a substantial amount of money for federal elections. "They really can't have much of a budget."

Keating noted that Americans for a Better Country doesn't "have any money. They have zero."

Keating added, "We've already raised more soft money than any other Republican-leaning group."

Keating said Club for Growth has raised \$ 9 million so far this cycle and plans to spend \$ 10 million in soft money on issue ads targeted at the Bush-Kerry race.

Republicans who spoke on condition of anonymity were even more critical about the prospects of outside groups" raising substantial amounts of soft money for the 2004 election.

"Even if they are able to pry a \$ 50,000 contribution out of a corporation, it will be a drop in the bucket," said a GOP lobbyist discussing GOP efforts to match the infusion of soft money labor unions have funneled to 527 groups. "I think what every Republican would hope for is to throw a "Hail Mary" pass and get a conservative to write a \$ 5 million check."

One GOP campaign finance lawyer said of the new hype about a Republican soft-money fundraising push, "I think it's a lot of talk. Until I see the money, who knows?"

Another GOP campaign-finance lawyer, Cleta Mitchell, who represents Republican candidates and corporate donors for the law firm Foley Lardner, said that since the passage of campaign finance reform in 2002, Republican leaders discouraged fundraising by outside groups.

"The powers that be made a conscious decision to freeze any outside activities and force [donors] into the hard-money re-elect," said Mitchell, referring to the hugely successful effort by Republicans to raise all of their money in hard dollars, an effort best exemplified by Bush's Pioneer and Ranger fundraising programs.

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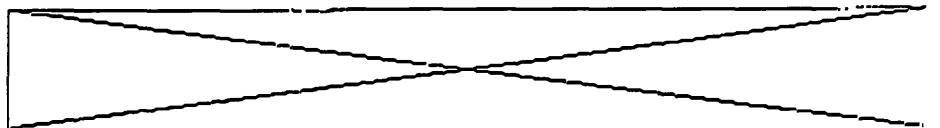
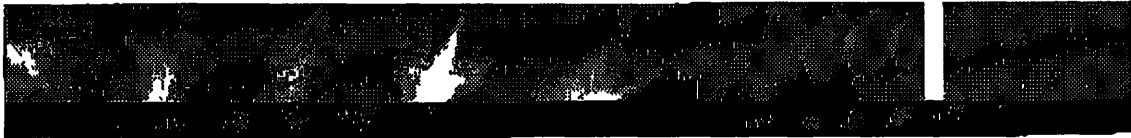
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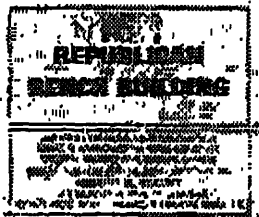
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Silicon Valley Young Republican Federation All American Barbecue and Picnic
the event has changed to Ed Levin Park in Milpitas, but we will still plan to have live entertainment
date of this year's Barbecue and Picnic is August 21 from 3 to 7pm.

Prices will be the following: \$20.00 a person, \$30 a couple and \$ 5.00 for CR's and YRFC members
purchased at the door. Raffle tickets will be \$2 00 each. We have invited CRP State Vice Chair Mar
numerous local candidates and numerous local candidates and campaign representatives. Expect
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July - August

Meet Chris Haugen: Meet Chris in a variety of venues. See online calendar and
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July - August

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